

## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

October 19, 1950  
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Pro-tem Drake presiding.

## Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen Drake, Johnson, Long, MacCorkle

Absent: Mayor Glass

Present also: Walter E. Seaholm, City Manager; W. T. Williams, Jr., Assistant City Attorney; Noble E. Latson, Assistant Director of Public Works; R. D. Thorp, Chief of Police.

Councilman Johnson moved that since copies of the minutes of the last meeting of the City Council have been furnished Council members by the City Clerk, the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and that the minutes be approved as individually read by the Council in the Clerk's report. Upon being duly seconded by Councilman Long, the motion was unanimously adopted by the Council, and the minutes so approved.

The Seventh Grade Social Studies Class from University Junior High School was welcomed by the Council.

Councilman MacCorkle moved that the following requests for change of zoning be set for public hearing at 11:00 A.M. November 9, 1950:

W. C. ALFF

Lot 1, Blk. 1, Outlot  
35, Div. "B", Galven  
Crow Addition, 1811  
Chicon Street

From "C" Commercial  
To "C-1" Commercial  
RECOMMENDED by the Zoning Board of Adjustment  
on October 17, 1950

REV. J. T. THOMAS

West 45' of Lot 46, Outlot 41, Div. "B", 806 East 13th Street

From "B" Residence To "C" Commercial NOT RECOMMENDED by the Zoning Board of Adjustment on October 3, 1950.

MRS. AGNES S. BURROWS &amp; MISS FANNIE RATCHFORD

Lots 1, 2, and the north 20' of 3, Outlot 41, 42, Div. "D", Longview Terrace, 2312 &amp; 2314 Longview St.

From "A" Residence To "B" Residence RECOMMENDED to "B-1" Residence by Zoning Board on October 3, 1950.

L. E. BELDING

4.25 acres out of Decker League, unplatted, fronting 233.8' on Barton Springs Rd., extending to Toomey Road, less the frontage on Barton Springs Road for a depth of 150' which is now zoned commercial. 1626 Barton Springs Road

From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial RECOMMENDED by the Zoning Board to include 3.954 acre tract (Z) and 1.848 acre tract abutting the property on the west and east respectively.

MRS. ELLA MAE WESTLING BERGSTROM

Southeast 32.82' x 70' of Lot 5, Blk. 1, Outlot 38, Div. "B", James O'Reilly Subdivision, 1224 East 12th Street.

From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial NOT Recommended by the Zoning Board of Adjustment

BENNIE STARK

Lots 3 &amp; 4, Blk. 4, Outlot 45, Div. "B", C.R. Johns Subd., 1814 and 1806 East 19th &amp; 1902 Chicon Street

From "C" Commercial To "C-1" Commercial RECOMMENDED by the Zoning Board of Adjustment on October 10 &amp; 17, 1950.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Drake

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Rex D. Kitchens is the Contractor for the erection of a building located at 1010 Lavaca Street and desires a portion of the sidewalk and street space abutting the north part of Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 126, of the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, during the erection of the building, such space to be used in the work and for the storage of materials therefor; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

1. THAT the space for the uses hereinabove enumerated be granted to said Rex D. Kitchens, the boundary of which is described as follows:

Sidewalk and Street Working Space

Beginning at the northeast corner of the above described property; thence in a northerly direction and at right angles to the centerline of West 11th Street to a point 14 feet north of the south curb line; thence in a westerly direction and parallel with the centerline of West 11th Street approximately 138 feet to a point; thence in a southerly direction and at right angles to the centerline of West 11th Street to the northwest corner of the above described property.

2. THAT the above privileges and allotment of space are granted to the said Rex D. Kitchens, hereinafter termed "Contractor", upon the following express terms and conditions:

(1). That the Contractor shall erect and maintain continuously in good condition during the use of said space hereby allotted, a substantial walkway at least 4 feet wide in the clear on the inside and at least 8 feet high, the same to be covered solidly on the street side with boards to a height of 4 feet above pavement and on the building side to be covered solidly with boards to a height of 8 feet. The top of the walkway shall be covered solidly with boards at least 2 inches thick, which shall be supported at intervals sufficiently close to prevent sagging of the roofing boards. The roof of said walkway shall be covered with a roofing material which will prevent leaking of the roof and provide a dry walkway at all times. No wood strips or obstructions of any kind shall be permitted along the pavement within the walkway, and at any time in the opinion of the City officials it becomes necessary for any reason to install a board floor within the walkway, the Contractor shall upon notice from the Building Inspector immediately place such a wood floor and substantially support same to prevent sagging under load.

(2). That the Contractor shall in no way obstruct any fire plugs or other public utilities in the construction of such barricades.

(3). That provisions shall be made for the normal flow of all storm waters in the gutter and the Contractor shall be responsible for any damage done due to obstruction of any such storm water.

(4). That the Contractor shall place on the outside corners of any

walkway, barricades or obstructions, red lights during all periods of darkness and provide lighting system for all tunnels.

(5). That the Contractor shall remove all fences, barricades, loose materials and other obstructions on the sidewalk and street immediately after the necessity for their existence on said sidewalk or street has ceased, such time to be determined by the City Manager, and in any event all such sidewalk, barricades, materials, equipment and other obstructions shall be removed not later than June 1, 1951.

(6). That the City reserves the right to revoke at any time any and all the privileges herein granted or to require the erection or installation of additional barriers or safeguards if the conditions demand it.

(7). That the use and enjoyment of the spaces herein granted shall not be exclusive as against public needs, and the City, in making such grant reserves the right to enter and occupy any part or all of said space any time with its public utilities, or for other necessary public purposes.

(8). That any public utility, or public or private property, disturbed or injured as a result of any of the activities necessary for the completion of the construction work for said building projects, whether done by the Contractor, City forces, or public utilities, shall be replaced or repaired at the Contractor's expense.

(9). That the Contractor shall furnish the City of Austin a surety bond in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), which shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Austin from any claims or damages to any person or property that may accrue to or be brought by any person by reason of the exercise or abuse of the privileges granted the Contractor by the City of Austin and shall guarantee the replacement of all sidewalks, pavement and all other public property and public utilities disturbed or removed during the construction work and shall further guarantee the construction of a walkway and other safeguards during the occupancy of the space.

Which motion, seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, T. S. Ragland is the Contractor for the remodeling of a building at 508-18 Brazos Street and desires a portion of the sidewalk and street space abutting Lots 9 and 10, Block 56, of the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, during the remodeling of the building, such space to be used in the work and for the storage of materials therefor; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

1. THAT space for the uses hereinabove enumerated be granted to said T. S. Ragland, the boundary of which is described as follows:

Sidewalk and Street Working Space

Beginning at the northeast corner of the above described property; thence in an easterly direction and at right angles to the centerline of Brazos Street to a point 10 feet east of the west curb line; thence in a southerly direction and parallel with the centerline of Brazos Street approximately 100 feet to a point; thence in a westerly direction and at right angles to the centerline of Brazos Street to the southeast corner of the above described property.

2. THAT the above privileges and allotment of space are granted to the said T. S. Ragland, hereinafter termed "Contractor", upon the following express terms and conditions:

- (1). That the Contractor shall construct a four-foot walkway within the outer boundaries of the above described working space, such walkway to be protected on each side by a guard rail at least four feet high and substantially braced and anchored, and without wood strips or obstructions of any kind along the pavement within the walkway, and at any time in the opinion of the City officials it becomes necessary for any reason to install a board floor within the walkway, the Contractor shall upon notice from the Building Inspector immediately place such a wood floor and substantially support same to prevent sagging under load.
- (2). That the Contractor shall in no way obstruct any fire plugs or other public utilities in the construction of such barricades.
- (3). That the provisions shall be made for the normal flow of all storm waters in the gutter and the Contractor will be responsible for any damage done due to obstruction of any such storm water.
- (4). That the Contractor shall place on the outside corners of any walkway, barricades or obstructions, red lights during all periods of darkness and provide lighting system for all tunnels.
- (5). That the Contractor shall remove all fences, barricades, loose materials and other obstructions on the sidewalk and street immediately after the necessity for their existence on said sidewalk or street has ceased, such time to be determined by the City Manager, and in any event all such sidewalk, barricades, materials, equipment and other obstructions shall be removed not later than December 1, 1950.
- (6). That the City reserves the right to revoke at any time any and all the privileges herein granted or to require the erection or installation of additional barriers or safeguards if the conditions demand it.
- (7). That the use and enjoyment of the spaces herein granted shall not be exclusive as against public needs, and the City, in making such grant reserves the right to enter and occupy any part or all of said space any time with its public utilities, or for other necessary public purposes.
- (8). That any public utility, or public or private property, disturbed or injured as a result of any of the activities necessary for the completion of the construction work for said building projects, whether done by the Contractor, City forces, or public utilities, shall be replaced or repaired at

the Contractor's expense.

(9). That the Contractor shall furnish the City of Austin a surety bond in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), which shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Austin from any claims or damages to any person or property that may accrue to or be brought by any person by reason of the exercise or abuse of the privileges granted the Contractor by the City of Austin and shall guarantee the replacement of all sidewalks, pavement and all other public property and public utilities disturbed or removed during the Construction work and shall further guarantee the construction of a walkway and other safeguards during the occupancy of the space.

Which motion, seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

Councilman Johnson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, T. A. Webb is the Contractor for the remodeling of a building at 713 Congress Avenue and desires a portion of the sidewalk and street space abutting the north 1/2 of Lot 3 and all of Lot 4, Block 84, of the Original City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, during the remodeling of the building, such space to be used in the work and for the storage of materials therefor; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

1. THAT space for the uses hereinabove enumerated be granted to said T. A. Webb, the boundary of which is described as follows:

Sidewalk and Street Working Space

Beginning at the southwest corner of the above described property; thence in a westerly direction and at right angles to the centerline of Congress Avenue four feet to a point; thence in a northerly direction and parallel with the centerline of Congress Avenue approximately 30 feet to a point; thence in an easterly direction and at right angles to the centerline of Congress Avenue to the west property line of the above described property.

2. THAT the above privileges and allotment of space are granted to the said T. A. Webb, hereinafter termed "Contractor", upon the following express terms and conditions:

(1). That the Contractor shall erect within the above described working space a solid fence built of not less than one-inch material and at least 8 feet in height (or extending from the sidewalk to the underside of the present awning) substantially braced and anchored and to maintain same in good condition at all times while the work is in progress. The Contractor will be permitted to put a door in the barricade that will either open in or

slide parallel to the barricades and at all times that material is being delivered or taken away from the building, a watchman shall be provided to warn pedestrians of approaching danger. The Contractor will also be permitted to use one parking meter space immediately in front of the entrance in the barricade, for the delivery or removal of materials during construction work.

(2). That the Contractor shall in no way obstruct any fire plugs or other public utilities in the construction of such barricades.

(3). That provisions shall be made for the normal flow of all storm waters in the gutter and the Contractor will be responsible for any damage done due to obstruction of any such storm water.

(4). That the Contractor shall place on the outside corners of any walkway, barricades or obstructions, red lights during all periods of darkness and provide lighting system for all tunnels.

(5). That the Contractor shall remove all fences, barricades, loose materials and other obstructions on the sidewalk and street immediately after the necessity for their existence on said sidewalk or street has ceased, such time to be determined by the City Manager, and in any event all such sidewalk, barricades, materials, equipment and other obstructions shall be removed not later than December 1, 1950.

(6). That the City reserves the right to revoke at any time any and all the privileges herein granted or to require the erection or installation of additional barriers or safeguards if the conditions demand it.

(7). That the use and enjoyment of the spaces herein granted shall not be exclusive as against public needs, and the City, in making such grant reserves the right to enter and occupy any part or all of said space any time with its public utilities, or for other necessary public purposes.

(8). That any public utility, or public or private property, disturbed or injured as a result of any of the activities necessary for the completion of the construction work for said building projects, whether done by the Contractor, City forces, or public utilities, shall be replaced or repaired at the Contractor's expense.

(9). That the Contractor shall furnish the City of Austin a surety bond in the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), which shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless the City of Austin from any claims or damages to any person or property that may accrue to or be brought by any person by reason of the exercise or abuse of the privileges granted the Contractor by the City of Austin and shall guarantee the replacement of all sidewalks, pavement and all other public property and public utilities disturbed or removed during the construction work and shall further guarantee the construction of a walkway and other safeguards during the occupancy of the space.

Which motion, seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor-Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

Mayor Pro-tem Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, JULY 17, 1941, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "L", PAGES 152-174, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WHICH ORDINANCE WAS AMENDATORY OF THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL APRIL 23, 1931, AND RECORDED IN BOOK "I", PAGES 301-318, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE AMENDATORY ORDINANCE HEREBY CHANGING THE USE DESIGNATION FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND SECOND HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT ON .85 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF OUTLOT 25, DIVISION "A", UNPLATTED; CHANGING THE USE DESIGNATION FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "B-1" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND SECOND HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT ON LOTS 1 and 2, BLOCK 16, DIVISION "D", GROOMS ADDITION; AND CHANGING THE USE DESIGNATION FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT ON A 115.83' x 208.67' TRACT OUT OF BLOCK 1, DIVISION "Z", UNPLATTED SPEAR LEAGUE; ALL IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE MAPS SO AS TO RECORD THE CHANGES HEREBY ORDERED; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time, and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, duly seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

The ordinance was read the second time, and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, duly seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

The ordinance was read the third time, and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, duly seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

Mayor Pro-tem Drake then announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.



Mayor Pro-tem Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, JULY 17, 1941, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "L", PAGES 152-174, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WHICH ORDINANCE WAS AMENDATORY OF THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL APRIL 23, 1931, AND RECORDED IN BOOK "I", PAGES 301-318, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE AMENDATORY ORDINANCE HEREBY CHANGING THE USE DESIGNATION FROM "A" RESIDENCE DISTRICT AND FIRST HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT AND "C" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND SECOND HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT TO "C-1" COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND SECOND HEIGHT AND AREA DISTRICT ON THE NORTH 150 FEET OF LOT A, BLOCK 15, OUTLOT 45, DIVISION B, UNPLATTED, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE MAPS SO AS TO RECORD THE CHANGES HEREBY ORDERED; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time, and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, duly seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

The ordinance was read the second time, and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, duly seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

The ordinance was read the third time, and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, duly seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

Mayor Pro-tem Drake then announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the house or residence now owned by Mrs. Lee D. Todd and located partly on the north 32.86 feet of Lot 1 in Block 128 of the Original

City of Austin in Travis County, Texas, was constructed so as to occupy a part of the alley in said block; and

WHEREAS, the said Mrs. Lee D. Todd has requested that the City of Austin permit such structure to remain in its present location; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That W. E. Seaholm, City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Mrs. Lee D. Todd by the terms of which the City of Austin will agree with Mrs. Todd, for herself, her heirs and successors, that the house above referred to may remain in its present location until such time as it may be destroyed, removed or extensively altered, in consideration of the transfer by the said Mrs. Todd to the City of all right, title and interest she may have acquired in such alley and in consideration of the said Mrs. Todd agreeing for herself, her heirs and her successors, to relinquish the portion of such alley now occupied by such house when such house is destroyed, removed or extensively altered.

Which motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, a sanitary sewer easement was dedicated to the public by J. R. Bailey et ux on June 13, 1935, by an instrument recorded in Vol. 529, pages 1 through 4, of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas, a portion of which is hereinafter described; and

WHEREAS, such portion of said sanitary sewer easement is not now needed and hereafter will not be required by the City of Austin; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That W. E. Seaholm, City Manager, be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute to Marietta McGregor Creel, a release of the portion of such easement described as follows:

All of the portion of the sanitary sewer easement dedicated as heretofore recited which traverses that certain 0.46 acre tract owned by the said Marietta McGregor Creel, said 0.46 acre tract being a portion of Lot 1 in Beau Site Addition, a subdivision of Outlots 6 and 9, Division "C" of the Government Outlots adjoining the Original City of Austin, according to the map or plat of said Beau Site Addition of record in Book 2, page 184 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas.

Which motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

Mayor Pro-tem Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND ESTABLISHING THE WARD BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN FOR VOTING PURPOSES ONLY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY," PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL MARCH 26, 1948, BY CHANGING THE WARD BOUNDARIES OF WEST SECOND WARD AND SECOND WARD C OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time, and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, duly seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

The ordinance was read the second time, and Councilman Long moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, duly seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

The ordinance was read the third time, and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, duly seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

Mayor Pro-tem Drake then announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

The City Manager submitted the following memorandum from the Assistant Director of Public Works, dated October 17, 1950:

"Attached hereto is a sketch of the northwest corner of East 47th Street and Avenue G showing Lot 1, Block 58, The Highlands Addition, encroaching on East 47th Street, thereby narrowing down the width of the street. In order to widen East 47th Street at this point, it will be necessary to acquire the south 24 feet of Lot 1 from Lewis Brownlow for a consideration of \$500.00.

"I recommend that we purchase the South 24 feet of Lot 1, Block B, The Highlands Addition, so that we will have a 50-foot street from Avenue G west to Rowena Street."

(S) Noble E. Latson "

NOTE: Sketch referred to on file in City Clerk's Office.

Councilman MacCorkle moved that approval be given on the purchase of this 24' piece of land out of Lot 1, Block B, The Highlands Addition, for \$500.00, for street widening purposes. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

MR. LESLIE PHARES appeared before the Council asking permission for the various Veterans' organizations of the city to hold their annual Armistice Day Parade on November 11th, and to use 30 feet in front of 1000 Congress Avenue for a reviewing stand. He stated the parade was to start at 2nd street and go to 11th. He extended an invitation to the members of the Council to participate in the Parade as they did last year. Councilman Johnson moved that permission be granted to have the parade and that all details be cleared through the City Manager. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake  
Noes: None  
Absent: Mayor Glass

Mayor Pro-tem Drake stated the Negro Citizens Council had invited the City Council to a meeting at the Doris Miller Auditorium, Friday October 27th, at 8:00 P. M. to discuss the bond issue.

The City Manager stated the official date for Thanksgiving was November 23, while the Texas-A & M Game is scheduled for the 30th. He stated the Retail Merchants were taking a census on the date to be observed, and it seemed the majority favored celebrating the 23rd, and taking one-half day off for the game on the 30th.

Councilman Long submitted the following proposed Charter Amendments for consideration:

ART. XVIII, Sect. 2: Vacancies--How Filled. Change to provide for the calling of special elections to fill vacancies on the Council caused by death or resignation. (In case of recall, the special election procedure is established).

ART. XIV, Sect. 51: Elections--Qualifications. Change to permit women to vote.

ART. XVII, Sect. 1: Time of General Election--Officers Elected--Term:

Change to hold general elections on first Saturdays of April in odd-numbered years.

ART. XXII, PUBLIC UTILITIES: Amend to make clear that right of referendum applies to rate ordinances.

ART. X, ORDINANCES: Amend to make clear that right of referendum applies to all ordinances.

ART. IX, INITIATIVE ORDINANCES: Amend to make clear that right of initiative applies to all types of ordinances.

General: Remove overlapping provisions for appointment of various city officials. Renumber Articles and Sections.

ART. I, Sect. 3: Ward Boundaries: Remove this section, since Sect. 4 gives the Council power to change wards and precincts at will.

Sect. 2: Corporate Boundaries: This section is out of date because of many changes made under Sect. 2a.

ART. XV: GENERAL POWERS: Add a section to give Council the power to establish a welfare department or to participate with Travis County in a joint welfare department.

Councilman MacCorkle felt that the Council should all get together and discuss all the Charter amendments.

The question of abandoning plans for a park and fire station in Govalle was raised. Councilman Long stated it sounded like punishing the people in that area because a few had petitioned to incorporate, and that it was misleading. Councilman Johnson stated \$10,000 had been appropriated to improve the park in Govalle.

COUNCILMAN LONG asked if it would be possible to print a statement showing what has been done with the bond money from 1946 on, and what is proposed to be done with what we are asking for now. She thought if a statement could be published in the papers, it would help a lot of people to understand the issue. The City Manager said that a statement was now being prepared of what was spent--what is still remaining, etc.

Inquiry was made about the plans of the City Hall Annex. The City Manager stated plans were being made by the City to see what was needed and plans were being discussed with the Architects.

Discussion of the parking lot at the City Hall and on the City property in back of the City Hall was held. It was brought out that cars other than city cars were parking in this lot by the City Hall. The City Manager stated it would

would be necessary to employ a patrolman. It was suggested that the parking lot at the rear of the City Hall, recently purchased by the City, be turned back to the City. Councilman Johnson moved that the City Manager notify the lessee of this parking lot that the City would like to have possession on January 1st for city cars. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, Mayor Pro-tem Drake

Noes: None

Absent: Mayor Glass

The Department of Public Works was asked to clear the present police pound of the weeds and rubbish.

Inquiry was made of the Austin Housing Authority's request to purchase city property. It was stated a meeting was to be held the next day with the Housing Authority. It was stated three or four places had been under discussion in the Planning Board, but nothing definite had been recommended.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED:

W D Drake  
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Eli Hoosley  
City Clerk